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In News: Meeting over Colorado River water

Public meeting to discuss the long-term water needs in the lower Colorado River basin. Lower Colorado River Authority Service Center, 6:00 p.m.

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College Pressbox 9:30 p.m.

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In Life&Arts: Free SXSW refreshments and eats

Looking for free food and drinks during SXSW? The Daily Texan has compiled a list of the best places to go to keep fueled up without opening your wallet.

WEDNESDAY

In News: Al Jazeera correspondent speaks

Josh Rushing, Al Jazeera correspondent, will speak about this week's Iraqi elections and journalism in the U.S. and Middle East. Texas Union Theater, 3:00 p.m.

In Life&Arts: Worker in sex industry tells all

Hump Day talks with a "sex worker" for the final issue of our sex profile series

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Struggling men's basketball team goes to Kansas City for the Big 12 Tournament

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Spring Break begins!

In Life&Arts: A West Texas adventure

"Why Don't We Do It On the Road?" takes a trip out west to Marfa, Texas

TUESDAY

Vote

Voting for the Student Government runoff election begins today through Wednesday online at www.utsg.org

UDems set to lobby at Capitol Hill



Scott Squires | Daily Texan Staff

Government major Garrett Mize accepts applause after his speech at a University Democrats rally Sunday protesting UT's recent tuition hikes.

By Vidushi Shrimali
Daily Texan Staff

Members of University Democrats prepared for their trip to Washington, D.C., where they will urge lawmakers to lower the cost of tuition for higher education, with a rally in the Union on Sunday.

UDems President Melessa Rodriguez, Vice President Jeremy Yager and 15 other organization members will travel to Washington, D.C., March 15-18 to meet with the 32 Texas representatives and two Texas senators on Capitol Hill to persuade them to vote for the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act.

The act looks to abolish the Federal Family Education Loan Program and redirect those funds to

increasing the Pell Grant and other secondary and post-secondary education programs, potentially increasing the number of college graduates by providing the necessary funds to those who qualify for financial aid.

The House passed the act in September, and the Senate will vote on it in the upcoming weeks.

Representatives from UDems, Stop the Cuts Coalition, Texas Freedom Network Student Chapter and the Texas House of Representatives encouraged students to support cheaper public education at Sunday's rally.

"I don't want to live in a state where a student wants to go out and better himself, make a better life for him and his family and

can't," Yager said.

Although the UDems staged a similar trip to the Texas Capitol in the spring of 2009, this will be the organization's first national effort to attract the attention of Washington. Rodriguez had the idea of traveling to Washington last summer when she was interning under U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa, D-Texas, who also chairs the Subcommittee on Higher Education.

"I would see the older, typical lobbyists coming out of the offices, but not student groups," Rodriguez said. "Where is the face of education? It would only make sense for us to take our voices to D.C."

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Teams take on an Urban Dare



Rachel Taylor | Daily Texan Staff

Kevin Keefe, the founder of Urban Dare, stamps Trey and Michelle Flesher's "passport" as they finish the citywide scavenger hunt. This year's Urban Dare competition sent 138 teams of two around Austin for challenges and a photo hunt.

Austinites compete against each other in a race of wits, endurance

By Katherine Kloc
Daily Texan Staff

This weekend, Austin hosted Urban Dare, the national "Amazing Race"-style clue-and-challenge race, for the fifth time, with the biggest turnout yet.

Ever since its inception in 2005, Urban Dare has seen an overwhelming increase in the number of competitors at each race — so much so, in fact, that it set a Guinness World Record in 2008 for largest number of participants in a race with 620 competitors.

For Saturday's competition, teams of two were instructed to arrive at Mother Egan's Irish Pub for check-in. When my teammate and I arrived at 11:30 a.m., the place was swarming with 138 other teams prepared to race — a much larger number than the 11 teams from "The Amazing

Race." The challenge officially began 45 minutes later, when we were given our list of "clues."

The Urban Dare Web site describes the challenge as a "One-day Amazing Race," in which teams of two solve clues to find checkpoints around the city in a five-to-seven mile trek.

Kevin Keefe began the Urban Dare in his hometown of Washington D.C. in 2005. Since the first race, in which 24 teams competed, Keefe has traveled across the nation staging Urban Dare challenges. Since May 2009, there have been 29 Urban Dare challenges, including the three-day Super Dare challenge from Feb. 26-March 1, in which the Urban Dare winners of 2009 competed.

The clues were simple: "Get your picture in front of the store that

Urban Dare

• Go to City Hall and get your picture with the Stinger.

• Double Jeopardy — First, Get your picture in front of the store that rhymes with Roy Boy and has the same amount of letters. Second, you must purchase one item and bring it back to the end of the race with your receipt.

• Photo Hunt — Get your picture taken shaking hands with a dog. Get someone not in the race doing a cartwheel.

• Who dat — who dat — who dat gonna beat dem Saints? Nobody, this year. Get your picture with a VW that has been transformed into a Saints helmet.

Source: Excerpt from the Urban Dare rule sheet

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Court rules for early end to campaign moratorium

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

The Appellate Court, which is designated to hear cases specific to University-wide elections, issued a notice at 9 p.m. Saturday that shortened the moratorium issued against the Minator Azemi and Justin Stein executive alliance after Azemi filed an appeal Thursday afternoon.

The Election Supervisory Board ruled Wednesday evening that the campaign had broken election code by violating Division of Housing and Food Services policy by distributing fliers door-to-door and violating Information Technology Services policy by sending an e-mail to more than 10,000 students after gathering their e-mail addresses from the UT directory.

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Board says ambiguities in election code at fault

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

Members of Student Government and the Election Supervisory Board have said they are concerned that ambiguities in the election code, which was reformed last year, caused much of the contention during this year's election cycle.

The board has heard one complaint against the Minator Azemi/Justin Stein executive alliance and one against the Scott Parks/Muneezeh Kabir executive alliance since its inception Feb. 12. The complaints addressed uncertainty with terminology in the code as well as the scope of the

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Visitors 'Explore UT' programs

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

More than 50,000 K-12 students flooded the 40 Acres to make chemistry potions like Harry Potter, learn how solar panels store energy and act in Shakespeare plays at the 11th annual Explore UT event.

This is the first year that out-of-state schools, one from Oklahoma and two from Louisiana, have participated in the event. About 20,000 students came from nearly 10 percent of Texas' school districts while an estimated 30,000 additional students came to the event unregistered with their families.

"[Explore UT] was designed to make it possible for the people of Texas to come [to UT] and feel that this was their home," said Susan Claggett, associate vice president for the Office of Relationship Management and University Events. "As it evolved, we have tried to pay special attention to young people, so they can envision themselves

staying in school and contemplating the possibility of higher education."

On a driveway near the Art Building and Museum, students from UT, Austin Community College and Southwestern University lent their art prints to "Steamroller Madness," an Explore UT program that creates giant prints by using a steamroller, wooden canvases, ink and white cloth. The program is used as a community-building exercise and to recruit other college students into UT's Art Department, said Ken Hale, senior associate dean for academic affairs at the College of Fine Arts.

"It gives us an opportunity to look at students who may be looking to transfer [to UT]," Hale said. "It's grown over the years, and we've extended it as an opportunity to work with our

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Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Explore UT visitors hold up their horns as they stand in the shape of a heart for the class photo which was part of the event's closing ceremony.

EXPLORE: Pharmacy, drama exhibits thrill

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peers at other universities. We've kept it as an open-door policy."

In a parking lot behind the Ernest Cockrell Jr. Hall, professional operators demonstrated how a 60,000 pound Vibroseis, a truck used for petroleum exploration, can create seismic waves to shake the earth and test the strength of soils against earthquakes. The truck costs \$500,000 and is used around the country and by graduate students for petroleum research, geological sciences professor Clark Wilson said.

Outside the ECJ building, engineering students displayed a solar car built by the School of Engineering two years ago. The car can harness and store solar energy to travel at 55 miles per hour.

"It's kind of scary with all the kids," said electrical engineering senior Erica Thorson. "I cringe every time they try to leap over and get in because these panels are so fragile. If one breaks, you're only as strong as your weakest [solar] cell, and the whole cell is ruined."

At a Harry Potter-themed "potion" workshop, pharmacy students acted out characters from the Harry Potter books and demonstrated how chemicals work in the Pharmacy Building.

"Who are the 'Muggles' that make medicine by compounding [chemicals]?" said pharmacy senior Brandon Zegarelli to a classroom full of bewitched students. Zegarelli played the part of Severus Snape, Harry Pot-

ter's potion teacher.

"Pharmacists," answered a student.

Student actors with Shakespeare at Winedale, a UT program based in Winedale that trains actors and performs Shakespeare plays, presented scenes from "A Midsummer's Night Dream" to an audience of young students. Students who came to watch the performances were able to act at a workshop and experience complex Shakespearean dialogue at a remarkably young age, said Angela Barratt, a Plan II senior and president of the organization, Spirit of Shakespeare.

"We had a workshop in the morning with kids, and it allows them to play the parts and get involved," Barratt said. "It's amaz-

RACE: Savvy, technology help racers reach finish

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rhymes with Roy Boy and has the same amount of letters." Even the clues that required more cognitive ability were easily mastered after briefly consulting my iPhone (the race permits and even encourages players to use their phones, something "The Amazing Race" staunchly prohibits).

The Urban Dare Web site further describes the competition as "part trivia, part photo hunt, part mental and physical challenges, and all fun." In actuality, Urban Dare is roughly 70-percent photo hunt and 30-percent dare. For the majority of the race, my teammate and I walked around Austin taking pictures in front of Austin businesses or landmarks.

The few dares we had to do reminded me of activities I did in elementary school physical education class; for one, my teammate and I did "the wheelbarrow," in which she held my legs while I walked with my hands around a triangular course.

Still, competitors enjoyed the race.

April Musgrove, a linguistics and audiology sophomore, competed in the Urban Dare challenge with her sister. Musgrove found out about Urban Dare as a result of a school assignment.

"I had to find a list of ten [athletic] events in Austin during the spring semester for a running class that I'm taking," Musgrove said. "We were supposed to pick one that we wanted to train for. This wasn't the one I decided to train for, but I decided to do it anyway because it looked like a lot of fun."

Musgrove enjoyed the Urban Dare challenge so much she has already decided to compete in the next Urban Dare challenge that comes to Austin. She even registered for The Great Urban Race, a similar event scheduled for March 27.

"I had the best time competing in the Urban Dare," Musgrove said.

The Musgroves completed every checkpoint for the Urban Dare challenge and finished 21st out of the 138 competing teams.

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campus watch

Asandwich tiff
Littlefield Dormitory, 201 West Dean Keeton

Assault: A UT staff member reported she and another staff member had gotten into an argument over the proper way to prepare a sandwich and what was considered an appropriate size sandwich with the toppings. When the victim told the suspect that she was going to write down the suspect's name and inform their supervisor. The suspect grabbed the victim's wrist causing her hand to go numb. The suspect left the area prior to the arrival of police officers. Charges are pending. Occurred on: 3-4-10, at 4:02 PM.

Stop calling
Student Services Building, 100 West Dean Keeton

Harassment: A UT student reported receiving a number of text messages and e-mails from a former acquaintance that were harassing. The victim informed the suspect to cease all communicating, but the text messages and e-mails continued. During the investigation, the officers located the suspect and informed him that his actions were against the law. The suspect informed the officers he was simply looking for closure. Occurred: 12-09 and was on-going.

Compiled by UTPD Officer Darrell Halstead

UDEMS: Travelers face difficulties in getting politicians to meet them

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Though UDeMs is paying for hotel costs, the students had to fund their own travel expenses and opted to either fly or carpool. Trip planner Katie Sieverman arranged meetings for Tuesday and Wednesday of the trip with almost all 34 senators' and representatives' offices. Groups of three or four students will visit the legislators.

"It's been a frustrating process even trying to get them to listen to us. They just ask if we have a constituent present," Sieverman said. "It's their job they know we are all their constituents. We are all Texans, all Americans and it is their job as public servants to represent what the public [wants]."

Stop the Cuts Coalition member Snehal Shingavi, who is also an assistant professor in the English department, said he has seen the cost of attending the University affect his students.

"For the first time since I've been teaching, some of my students can't afford their textbooks," Shingavi said.

Fellow Rep. Melinda Bolton, D-Austin, encouraged members of UDeMs to meet with both Democrats and Republicans on this bipartisan issue and ended the rally by wishing them good luck on their trip.


"I really hope you can make some big changes," Bolton said. "Our big Texas cowboy hats are off to you."


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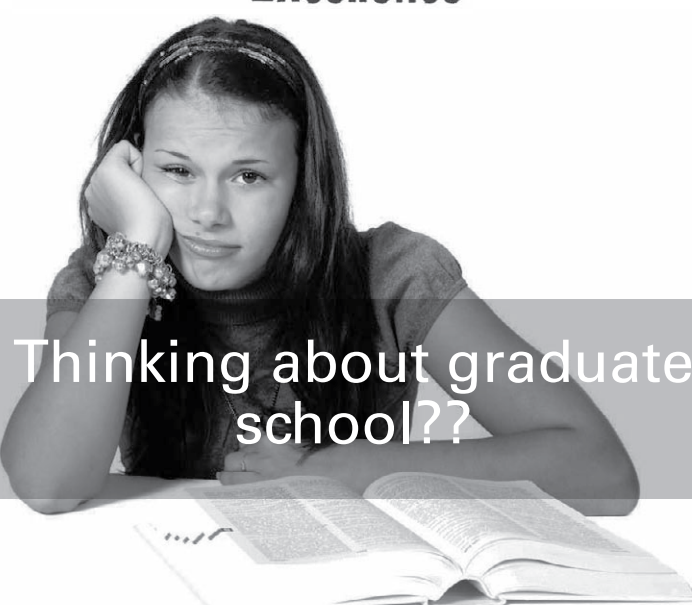
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Discrimination disrupts colleges across California

By Christina Hoag
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Swastikas, nooses, a KKK hood, graffiti, epithets and jeers.

An ugly spate of bias incidents has spread across several University of California campuses over the past month, causing consternation, outcry and fear that bigotry is alive among the young and educated in America.

Students have protested and administrators have condemned, but the question remains of what lies behind the sudden parade of prejudice — a growing climate of insensitivity on campuses or a bunch of immature kids yearning for peer acceptance and attention.

“My guess is some of all of those things,” said interim UC Provost Lawrence H. Pitts. “I’d like to believe it’s really an extreme minority. It does suggest there’s some underlying feeling of intolerance in our community.”

The incidents have roiled several campuses in the 175,000-student state university system, which is one of the country’s most well-respected and diverse.

At UC San Diego, black students were offended by an off-campus “Compton Cookout” party that mocked ghetto stereotypes, a noose and KKK-style hood found on campus and a student making racially derogatory remarks on a student-run TV station.

At UC Davis, swastikas cropped up and the gay and lesbian center was vandalized with graffiti.

At UC Santa Cruz, a picture of a noose was scrawled. On the Irvine campus, the Israeli ambassador was heckled to

the extent that he was forced to end a speech early.

The acts were particularly shocking because they occurred on university campuses, which are usually considered centers of intellectual enlightenment above acts commonly associated with such disrespect and ignorance.

But experts note that universities are microcosms of society at large, and that includes hatemongers. Upticks in hate crimes are often seen in times of economic malaise as people seek scapegoats, noted Jack Levin, a Northeastern University sociologist who has studied hate. Still, surveys show

that prejudice among today’s young people is at a low and interracial and interethnic marriages are at an all-time high, said Tom Smith, director of the general social survey at the National Opinion Research

Center. Studies have also long found that education increases tolerance of different groups, he added.

“College students, as a group, are quite liberal on this issue,” Smith said.

Minority students said that’s why they’re galled that fellow students today would even think that something like hanging a noose in a library is funny or acceptable. The school paper later published a letter of apology from a female student who wrote that she had only been playing with a rope, accidentally left in the library and did not mean to offend.

“Part of the problem is that people don’t realize it’s insensitive,” said Joelle Gamble, a student at the University of California, Los Angeles. “They see it as free speech.”



Karim Kadim | Associated Press

Residents gather at the scene of a blast which leveled a building in northeastern Baghdad on Sunday. Insurgents bombed a polling station in attacks aimed at intimidating those participating in an election that will determine whether the country can overcome sectarian divisions that began with the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Iraqi rebels attack polls, kill 36

By Hamza Hendawi &
Qassim Abdul-Zahra
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents bombed a polling station and lobbed grenades at voters Sunday, killing 36 people in attacks aimed at intimidating those taking part in an election that will determine whether the country can overcome the sectarian divisions that have plagued it since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Many Iraqis hope the election will put them on a path toward national reconciliation as the U.S. prepares to withdraw combat forces by late summer and all troops by the end of next year. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is fighting for his political future with challenges from a coalition of mainly Shiite religious groups on one side and a secular alliance combining Shiites and Sunnis on the other.

Despite mortars raining down nearby, voters in the capital still came to the polls. In the predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Azamiyah in northern Baghdad, Walid Abid, a 40-year-

old father of two, was speaking as mortars boomed several hundreds of yards away. Police reported at least 20 mortar attacks in the neighborhood shortly after daybreak. Mortars also fell in the Green Zone — home to the U.S. Embassy and the prime minister’s office.

“I am not scared, and I am not going to stay put at home,” said Abid, who owns a local cafe. “Until when? We need to change things. If I stay home and not come to vote, Azamiyah will get worse.”

Polls closed at 5 p.m. as scheduled, and election officials said it could be days before preliminary results are released.

Observers warn the election is only the first step in the political process. With the fractured nature of Iraqi politics, it could

take months of negotiations after results are released in the coming days for a government to be formed.

Speaking to reporters after the polls closed, Ad Melkert, the United Nations Special Representative in Iraq, praised the elections.

“This day has been a triumph of reason over confrontation and violence,” he said. “Iraqis are making history. This day is an important step on the road to national reconciliation.”

Melkert also said the release of official results would take time and urged Iraqis not to engage in premature speculation about the outcome.

Many view the election as a crossroads where Iraq will decide whether to adhere to politics along the Shiite, Sunni and

Kurdish lines or move away from the ethnic and sectarian tensions that have emerged since the fall of Saddam Hussein’s iron-fisted, Sunni-minority rule.

Al-Maliki, who has built his reputation as the man who restored order to the country, is facing a tough battle from his former Shiite allies, the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council and a party headed by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

“Al-Maliki gave us security despite all the terror. What more can he do?” said Mariam Omran, a 55-year-old bespectacled mother of four clad in a black chador. “All I want is peace for my country,” she said after voting in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah located in northern Baghdad.

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Passing the Green Fund

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The fund would last five years, and after that period, students would vote on whether or not to keep it. This time period, coupled with the fact that the fund will be overseen by a majority-student board, means the fund will be held extremely accountable to student interests — a positive for students concerned with the University’s efforts to be environmentally friendly and sustainable over the long term. The fact that the referendum was passed even amid tuition hikes and budget squeezes speaks volumes to students’ desires to see the University act environmentally responsibly. And UT isn’t alone in passing this type of referendum. Students at Texas A&M University passed a similar initiative that would raise \$1.5 million over five years for projects with 57 percent of the vote. Rice University also recently passed a green fund initiative, and UT-San Antonio has one up for vote on Earth Day.



A step back for domestic partner benefits

Another strike against domestic partner benefits was levied in Virginia on Thursday when Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II sent a letter to public universities in the state arguing they do not have authority to enact bans on discrimination as they relate to sexual orientation.

That authority, Cuccinelli writes, belongs to Virginia’s General Assembly.

Cuccinelli said in the letter that the General Assembly “has on numerous occasions considered and rejected creating a protected class defined by ‘sexual orientation,’ ‘gender identity’ or ‘gender expression.’”

He urges universities, including the University of Virginia, to revoke the bans and defer to the assembly on matters of who can and cannot be discriminated against.

The move comes a month after newly installed Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, a Republican, signed an executive order removing sexual orientation from the state’s non-discrimination policy.

These actions are unfortunate for gay Virginians and also present an example of a state, like Texas, whose conservative government is facing off against progressive campus populations and policies. As the 2011 Texas legislative session looms, we hope Texas legislators instead look to campuses like the University of Michigan, which, despite a state ban on offering domestic partner benefits, has altered the language of its University policy to extend benefits to “other qualified adults.”

The system perpetuates unfair elections

By Marcus Nestenius
Daily Texan Columnist

I accuse candidates of corruption. I accuse Scott Parks and Muneezeh Kabir of cheating. I accuse Minator Azemi and Justin Stein of infringement. But above all, I accuse the regulation that has caused all the intrigue.

The Parks/Kabir alliance was fined for campaigning two months too soon, and Azemi and Stein were hushed for campaigning through two methods too many. Therefore, the University should be punished for obstructing democracy.

I understand that the rules of the Election Supervisory Board, the University Residence Hall Association and Information Technology Services are put in place to provide order and well-being. However, when put together, they make it very hard for candidates to operate.

Consider the two-week campaigning limit. How much can a representative hopeful actually educate the entire student body on his or her platforms? Is a fortnight’s window wide enough to help voters pinpoint, understand and compare positions?

It is not. That’s why students receive a flurry of walking poster boards, fliers everywhere

but in their salads and a list of over-generalized promises. Victory for Student Government candidates becomes less about who is the most qualified or visionary and more about who is the loudest and least specific.

Imagine if Barack Obama and John McCain were given only two weeks to square off. They probably would just have said they would make everything perfect. “I promise that you will pay less taxes and receive more in return” would have been the only thing voters heard.

Now, replace “taxes” with another “T” word and you have on-campus reality. Both the Parks/Kabir and Azemi/Stein alliances have tuition regulation as a top priority. Candidates will have very little control over tuition, but it is the issue that students will listen to. If SG candidates had from, let’s say, December to campaign, then they would be able to outline concrete, reasonable beliefs for the voters.

And if executive alliances were allowed to reach out to students through means other than yelling annoying chants, such as via e-mail, then in one short sitting, students would know more about what candidates will do if elected.

Taking into account how politically ignorant most college students are, this would beat not knowing anything at all.

We are a student body of 50,000 strong, and there is no way either Parks and Kabir or Azemi and Stein could reach out to all of us on campus in such a short amount of time by antiquated means.

We don’t live in an age of barnstorming on trains and Athenian assemblies. Where would Obama’s campaign have gone without mobilization over the Internet?

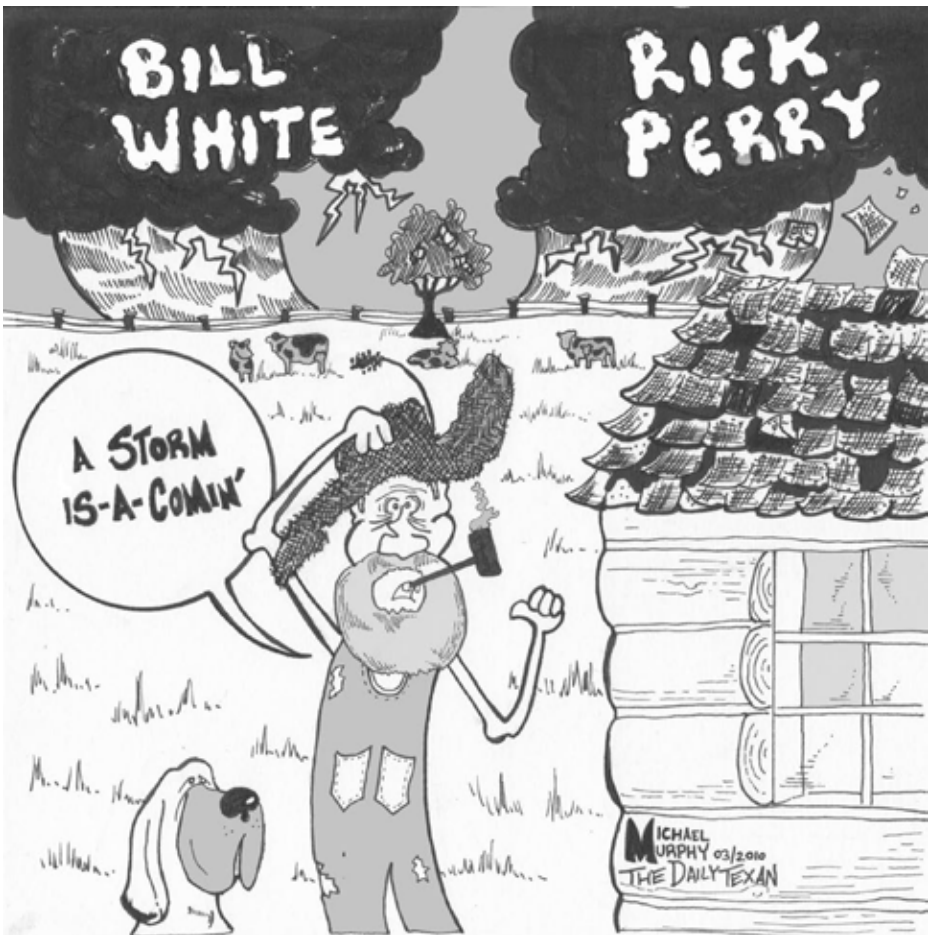
I don’t condone these hopefuls’ transgressions. Parks and Kabir should have followed the rules, and Azemi and Stein should have been more knowledgeable about questionable tactics and their risks. However, one doesn’t have to condone the candidates actions to think the system should be fixed.

Change the rules, and let SG have a real election. Yes, the campaigning would get more annoying and tiresome, but it would lead to more transparency. With closed-door meetings and secret groups plaguing recent election cycles, transparency is exactly what people are calling for.

If candidates have to win an election through secrecy and loopholes, then that is exactly how they will lead.

Nstenius is an engineering freshman.

GALLERY



THE FIRING LINE

A new look at a practical education

In their March 4 column, three UT law students called for a review of the law school curriculum, cutting back on courses that treat law as an academic subject and emphasizing the arts of law practice in their column, “Law students need a practical education.”

The students imagine the possibility of graduating law students who will be wholly “competent from their first day of practice.” But practicing law is not knowing the secrets of a bunch of legal tricks. A lot of the art is necessarily learned on the job. Law firms do not expect to gain a full-fledged lawyer when hiring a recent graduate but someone who is equipped to learn what is best learned in practice.

The letter-writers, however, are correct that some of the present law school curriculum could be trimmed. This is especially welcome news as the cost of law school soars. At present, most students intern following their second year and if proven competent, are then hired, but forced to return to law school for a third year, adding perhaps \$50,000 to their student debt and foregoing a year of earnings at lawyer rates.

Law schools claim that in the third year, students can be given practical “clinical” experience, but why not gain that experience at the firm and for pay? Another benefit, some claim, is study of the student’s specialty. But most students don’t know their specialty until much later and tend to work during the third year on the specialty of a professor.

Northwestern University Law School has taken the lead in offering the option of a two-year juris doctor degree, and we will soon learn how the profession values it. UT would do well to start considering how to inject such a choice into its curriculum.

— Francis Dummer Fisher
Senior research fellow
LBJ School of Public Affairs

An evolutionary error

While I understand that The Daily Texan is well-known for having abysmal coverage of the sciences and engineering, it would really help if you at least tried to get even the popular press interpretations of science correct. In Friday’s Overview, “Big gift for Baylor,” the editorial board mentioned that Baylor University’s Evolutionary Informatics Lab was moved off campus. This is true. But this had zero to do with the school’s “religious values,” and everything to do with the fact that this was an attempt to present intelligent design as scientific discourse rather than philosophical claptrap. While one of the many tip-offs as to the intellectual vacuity of intelligent design theory was their attempt at naming this “laboratory,” it is amusing and sad that the Texan was perhaps the only organization in the world taken in by this attempt. Another triumph for student journalism.

— Andy Ellington
Chemistry professor

E-mail confusion

In recent articles, Minator Azemi and Justin Stein have made a series of statements that raise concerning questions. For example, Azemi was quoted saying, “I don’t think you can say with certainty that it [sending e-mails to 10,000 students] has greatly altered the scope of the election. I disregard e-mails all the time.”

First, Azemi is currently a University-wide SG representative and student at UT, where e-mail is an official form of communication. Does this mean that as a University-wide representative and student, Azemi regularly disregards his e-mails?

Second, Azemi implicitly asserts that he believes students ignored those e-mails because he ignores his own e-mails. Why, then, did his campaign spend time gathering 10,000 e-mail addresses and utilizing mail-merge software to send those e-mails if Azemi believed those efforts wouldn’t matter?

Third, Azemi believes that the e-mails didn’t make a “great” difference. Does he believe, then, that his wrong is OK if the election wasn’t greatly affected? What is “greatly altered” given that the margin of victory was 390 votes? If 96.09 percent of people ignored that e-mail and only 3.91 percent did not, then Azemi/Stein got the most votes through illegal means.

Another example is when Stein was quoted saying, “It has never been our intention to violate University policy. We were under the assumption that we had obtained the approval we needed for the e-mails.” This statement implies that Stein looked at the University policy on the directory he was “not violating.”

University policy states “the contact information provided in this online directory service may not be used for transmission and distribution of unsolicited e-mail or other commercial purposes.” Does Stein then mean that all 10,000 emails were solicited? Second, whom did Stein contact for approval? ITS, which created the policy just referenced?

— David Liu
Business honors and plan II honors

Moving beyond labels in the Student Government election



By Dave Player
Daily Texan Columnist

Saturday evening’s appeal by Student Government’s Appellate Court added an additional layer of controversy to this year’s SG elections.

For those who have not been following the two campaigns, the flurry of news regarding the two groups could seem strange. The two campaigns’ platforms are extremely similar in their makeup, with both promising improved transparency, affordability and legislative representation.

Some have argued that there is an ethical difference between the two executive alliances. However, that distinction is hard to draw. Both groups have been penalized by the Election Supervisory Board for violating SG’s election code.

The Parks and Kabir campaign was fined for distributing campaign materials before the official Feb. 17 date to begin campaigning, while the Azemi and Stein campaign was temporarily suspended for improper use of University e-mail as well as campaigning in University dormitories.

It’s a matter of individual perspective which is the greater offense: spam e-mails and fliers, or a one-month head start in campaigning.

So if the platforms are essentially the same, and both have violated the election code,

then what is the contrast between the two campaigns that has caused so many to pick a side? Readers who have been following The Daily Texan’s coverage over the past few weeks will be quick to point out that it’s the candidates’ affiliations.

Following last year’s election, both Azemi and Stein were named as part of the Eyes of Texas, an anonymous campus organization that strives to “unselfishly serve the University of Texas at Austin,” according to its mission statement on the dean of students’ Web site.

The existence of such an anonymous organization lends itself to those conspiracy theorists who want to imagine that SG elections are the results of backroom manipulation and intrigues. Such fabrications have led to labels of “insider” for Azemi and Stein, while the Parks and Kabir campaign are the refreshing “outsiders.” These labels insinuate that the past problems of SG are the fault of Azemi and Stein. Those accusations are absurd and unfounded.

If critics want to accredit the shortcomings of SG onto individuals, then Parks is just as deserving a recipient. Parks was first elected to SG two years ago on the Empower ticket of former SG president Keshav Rajagopalan.

It seems hypocritical that the Parks’ campaign should make affordability such a priority when Parks himself voted against AR-12: “In Support of Tuition Relief” last year.

Last Friday, in a piece lambasting Azemi and Stein, Daily Texan columnist and Parks/Kabir supporter Anna Russo compared the

latter’s campaign to that of President Barack Obama in 2008. In doing so, Russo finally articulated what many had already suspected. From matching slogans (“Yes We Can” versus “Together Students Can”) to eerily similar campaign artwork, the Parks and Kabir campaign has taken an Obama-esque feel.

The connection is not surprising considering the support Parks and Kabir have received from the University Democrats. The largest on-campus political organization was one of the first to endorse the Parks campaign, and both current president Melissa Rodriguez and former president Jimmy Talarico have worked on the Parks and Kabir campaign staff.

However, there is a major problem with that strategy. Parks is a swell guy, but he’s no Obama. And considering the president’s plummeting popularity over the past year, maybe that’s not such a bad thing.

Beyond any arbitrary labels of “insider” or “outsider,” there is a lack of any substance to the campaign controversy. Rather, there is only the indignation of a campaign that cannot fathom how purported “insiders” such as Azemi and Stein managed to receive more votes. Somehow, when it comes to real elections, popularity overcomes the idea of populism.

Because at the end of the day, every student, whether male or female, freshman or senior, white or black — a member of the Eyes of Texas or not — gets exactly one vote.

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Latin Americans celebrate Chile at earthquake benefit

By Destinee Hodge
Daily Texan Staff

Chilean flags waved as dancers from across Latin America and Austin joined together to raise funds and awareness for victims of the Feb. 27 earthquake in Chile.

Chilenos en Austin and the recently formed group Austin Helps Chile organized the “Chile en el Corazon” event, an explosion of food and music, at Esquina Tango Cultural Society of Austin on Saturday. The event was sponsored by the Hispanic Graduate Business Association and the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies.

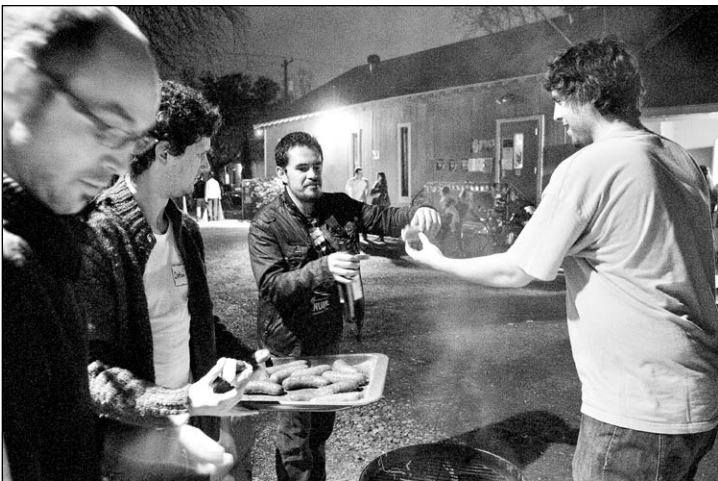
“I think that what you’ll see is that when anything happens in Latin America, all Latin Americans come together,” said Michelle Wibbelsman, director of the UT South American Music Ensemble. The ensemble kicked off the event by performing various Chilean musical pieces.

The event also featured a silent auction, featuring items donated by local businesses and individuals, as well as a free wine tasting. The event was free, although the organizers suggested a \$10 donation. The money collected will be donated to the Chilean charity Hogar de Cristo. Austin Helps Chile will continue to accept donations through the intermediary account they have set up for the public. People interested in donating can do so by visiting the organization’s Web site.

After the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti, efforts to raise money were not only immediate but so widespread that recent reports estimate the amount of money raised as high as half a billion dollars. With the earthquake in Chile happening less than two months after the Haiti quake, some attendees feared that people might be reluctant to donate any more to relief services.

Many of the attendees, however, said that whenever there is a need, people will continue to give.

“When you can give \$10, you



Guillermo Blanc (right) grills up sausages at “Chile en el Corazon,” an event benefiting the victims of the recent earthquake in Chile.

can give \$20,” said Cristián Bustamante, a member of Chilenos en Austin who helped organize the event. “A lot of people are always willing to help somebody.”

Tina Dong, a French and Spanish high-school teacher in Leander, said Austin is an appropriate place to look for donations because of the kindness of its citizens.

“I think Austin has such a high sense of volunteerism, and everybody is so generous that people are always going to be giving,” Dong said.

Jaime Portales, a member of Chilenos en Austin and one of the coordinators of the event, said initial reports after the earthquake gave people abroad the false impression that Chileans were not in need of serious help and support.

“When the earthquake happened, they were saying that the country did not have a huge amount of damage,” Portales said. “The media and all the people in Chile started realizing the damage was much deeper than they initially thought. There’s a need for effort, not only [within] the country, but [for] international effort and private entities to contribute.”

Felipe Correa, a Chilean businessman and Austin resident, said

if public support is leaning toward Haiti, it is for a good reason.

“I think Haiti and Chile are in different positions,” Correa said. “The loss of life [in Chile] is, although very important, very minimal compared to Haiti.” Correa donated packages of the One Light Charcoal he invented, as well as wines for the event.

David Alvarez, leader of Chilenos en Austin, said he hoped that bringing awareness to the destruction caused by the earthquake would be a starting point in branching out to help other Chilean communities that were in need before the quake and will especially need help after.

“[With this fundraiser] we want to help people and also create something more permanent,” Alvarez said.

Attendees of “Chile en el Corazon” put aside their heavy hearts and worry for friends and family in Chile for a night to laugh, dance and share stories about their homeland, while raising funds.

“I think with a benefit, it’s a sad occasion [that we’re commemorating], but it doesn’t necessarily have to be a sad benefit,” said Mirka Fette, an art history graduate student. “You can have fun and raise money at the same time.”

Running mates search for synergy

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

Texas governors and lieutenant governors from both sides of the aisle have historically had to work together, despite their numerous disagreements. But even when the two positions are filled by candidates of the same party, relationships have been strained.

Unlike the presidential election, where presidential candidates and their chosen vice presidential candidates run on the same ticket, the lieutenant governor runs separately from the governor. As a result, the governor and lieutenant governor may have different political affiliations and agendas.

Nominees were elected Tuesday for the Democratic and Republican races in Texas. Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were reelected on the Republican side, and gubernatorial nominee and former Houston Mayor Bill White and lieutenant governor nominee and labor activist Linda Chavez-Thompson earned the Democratic nomination.

The lieutenant governor of Texas serves as president of the Senate, allowing him or her to debate and vote on all bills during legislative sessions. He or she also has the power to cast the deciding vote in the event of a Senate tie and is also responsible for creating Senate committees. The lieutenant governor appoints chairs to the committees, including the Senate Committee on Higher Education, which drafts bills relating to state colleges and universities.

Most notably, the lieutenant governor controls the order in which bills are brought to the Senate floor, allowing him or her to make it more difficult for the governor to fast-track legislation

that the lieutenant governor may disagrees with.

Unlike the lieutenant governor, the governor has the power to veto any bill that passes through the Senate and the House. While some governors have been more moderate with this power, Perry set a record for the number used in one session with 82 vetoes in 2001.

Even when the governor and lieutenant governor are from the same political party, it doesn’t always ensure that the two will work together, said James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project.

Perry and Dewhurst serve as examples of candidates from the same party who frequently couldn’t see eye-to-eye.

During the 2003 legislative session, Dewhurst proposed a multi-billion dollar school-financing plan to expand the state sales tax and reduce property taxes, which the Senate passed. Perry vocally opposed the Senate bill, as did former House Speaker Tom Craddick. The bill was consequently rejected in the House.

Henson said there is a good chance that after November’s election, both seats will be occupied by members of opposing parties.

The most recent example of opposing party affiliations in the state House was during Republican President George W. Bush’s first term as governor in 1995. Democrat Bob Bullock served as Bush’s lieutenant governor until 1999, and their partnership was a good example of successful bipartisanship, said Bryan Jones, J.J. Pickle Regents Chair in Congressional Studies.

“Bush respected Bullock, and Bullock came to respect Bush,” Jones said.

Bush began his political career

with a failed bout for the House of Representatives in 1978. He then helped campaign for his father’s initial run for the presidency and again for reelection in 1992 before serving as Texas governor from 1995 to 2000, when he was elected president.

Bullock, who began his political career as the Secretary of State before occupying the comptroller’s seat for almost 20 years, took the lieutenant governorship in 1991 — four years before Bush became governor. His long history in Texas politics brought him respect across the state.

As a result, Bullock had a good relationship with the House and the Senate, said Dave Denney, director of public programming at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.


“He understood state government better than probably anybody at that time,” Denney said. “His place in politics was pretty strong.”

Denney said Bullock was one of the most powerful lieutenant governors Texas has seen because he knew how to use the power he was given and that Bush already looked up to Bullock, who had gained a stronger political presence.

During the 1995 legislative session, the two men and the speaker of the house passed legislation relating to juvenile justice, welfare and education reform.

Jones said that White would work well with Dewhurst because White is a moderate to conservative Democrat. He was unsure how Perry, known as a staunch Republican, would work with a Democratic lieutenant governor but admitted to Perry’s willingness to work with Democrats in the past.

“Perry sounds more partisan than he acts,” Jones said.




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DPS alerts those headed to Mexico

By Chris Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

Although Mexico is a popular spring break destination for students and families, the Texas Department of Public Safety warned tourists to avoid traveling to cities along the Texas-Mexico border during UT's spring break, which is March 15-19.

The DPS warning, released on Thursday, came after a Feb. 22 travel warning issued by the U.S. Department of State because of an increase of violence and drug-cartel activities in border cities.

According to the travel alert, U.S. citizens should "delay unnecessary travel to parts of Michoacan, Durango, Coahuila

and Chihuahua."

DPS also encouraged students to avoid drinking and driving, as well as other risky activities.

The UT Police Department included the DPS warning in its March 4 Campus Watch.

"We felt it was necessary to pass the warnings from the State Department and the Department of Public Safety on to students," UTPD spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said. "We are advising students to stay safe this spring break."

Communication studies sophomore Leah Wise went to Mexico over spring break in 2009 and said she recognized the presence of drug-related violence through-

out Mexico. However, Wise said she was not worried about the violence affecting her or her family.

"It was really calm, and we didn't experience or even hear about any instances of violence in our area," she said.

Wise, who is from Harlingen, a border town in Texas, said reports of ongoing violence in Mexico still make her cautious while traveling in that region.

"Border towns are definitely more dangerous. I never stay overnight, and if I do visit, it's just a day trip," she said. "I'm going with my family again this year. Going alone or even just with a group of friends would not be a good idea."

APPEAL: Hearing not necessary for case

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The board issued an 84-hour moratorium from noon Friday until midnight Tuesday for the offenses.

The Appellate Court did not dispute the validity of the court's ruling but said the moratorium was too harsh considering the runoff underway. It also addressed a concern that the board never issued an advisory explaining the different qualifications of punishments, something required by the election code. According to the ruling, this "deprives candidates of fair warning provided for in the Code and undermines the ESB's sanctioning authority."

The court shortened the moratorium to 36 hours, so it officially ended at midnight Sunday.

"If we are going in without knowing what the violations are, that's unfair to the candidates," Azemi said. "It becomes a subjective ruling."

The board was not formed until Feb. 12 because the election code reform process that took place in 2009 interrupted normal scheduling. Normally, the board is formed in October. This meant that a number of advisories — including the one on the different classes of punishments — were not issued due to time constraints,

said Charles Maddox, the board's chair. Additionally, the different classifications of punishments are outlined in the code. The different possible penalties are not included because it would be impossible to account for every hypothetical violation, board member Eric Nimmer said.

The court is made up of UT law students Chris Tuggey and Abby Brunson and law professor John Dzienkowski, who are appointed by the dean of the law school and the president of the student bar association. They are governed by the election code and consider appeals filed regarding decisions by the board. In this case, they were presented with the opinions issued by the board as well as the statement of appeal from Azemi. The court convened via e-mail because Dziendowski was in California.

"The Appellate Court upheld our convictions and just shortened the moratorium," Maddox said. "It is my opinion that our judgement was sound, but the court felt the moratorium was too harsh. That is within their purview to decide."

Members of the Scott Parks/Muneezeh Kabir campaign, the other alliance participating in the runoff, said they were frustrated at the brevity of the court's opin-

ion, which totaled seven sentences, and by the lack of any public hearing or opportunity to present a counterargument to Azemi's statement of appeal.

"I had no idea there was an appeals process going on, except that Minator had filed," Parks said. "I have a lot of questions about who is on the court and what their process is. I can't believe they would overturn a 9-0 decision made by people [on the board] who have been heavily involved all along."

Members of the court later clarified to The Daily Texan that because the punishment was contested but the ruling was not, they would not likely have had a hearing, even if all members had been available to quorum. Brunson also said that because the court is removed from the process, they are able to rule more objectively.

Azemi said his campaign was ready to begin campaigning again and that he was satisfied with the court's statement.

"We're excited to have two more days of campaigning than we originally thought," he said. "The Appellate Court has made its decision very clear and concise. I don't think it requires a more lengthy discussion than what was presented."

CODE: Board chair admits changes needed

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board's jurisdiction.

"With these complaints, I really think we need to look at the election code yet again," said Alex Ferraro, a campaign worker for the Azemi/Stein campaign and a lead author of the reformed election code. "We've found new issues, and we need to fix those."

Board chair Charles Maddox, who also served on the task force that reformed the election code, said that in writing the new code, they intentionally left some ambiguity to allow each year's board to interpret the code, but he now believes that was a mistake. Maddox said he will make a statement to the assembly after the election suggesting additional reforms that would tighten the code further and clarify rules and regulations.

He also said that because of the timing of the reform process, the board was created close to the start of campaigning instead of in October per the usual schedule. The board did not have time to establish a thorough and specific interpretation of the code, he said.

"On the task force, we punted a lot of decisions to the board," Maddox said. "Now that I've served on both, I realize we should have taken into consideration the bureaucratic process and this year's time constraints."

On Feb. 15, the first day the board was accepting complaints, Ferraro filed a complaint against Parks and Kabir that accused them of campaigning as early as November, despite a code-mandated start date of Feb. 17. The board ruled the campaign did not violate the election code by prematurely campaigning because the materials distributed and the meetings held by the campaign that were called into question did not have the effect of soliciting votes. However, the board did issue a \$45 fine against the campaign for distributing materials that identified Parks and Kabir as an executive alliance.

On Wednesday, the board ruled that the Azemi/Stein campaign violated code by distributing campaign materials via e-mail and in campus residence halls in ways that violated Division of Housing and Food Services and Information Technology Services policies and issued an 84-hour moratorium against the campaign. The code specifically requires that campaigns abide by all University regulations, but the board's ability to rule in these matters is not defined. Azemi questioned the board's ability to rule in matters of University policy when the University entities themselves had not ruled as to whether a violation was committed. Azemi appealed the ruling with the Appellate Court designated for University-wide elec-

tions, and the court shortened the moratorium to 36 hours but did not overturn the verdict against the campaign.

"[The board's ruling] sets the precedent that the board is allowed to interpret University policy, which is unfair," Azemi said. "They have the right to define violations, and if the next ESB defines using the directory to e-mail students as a code violation, they have the right to do so. This board did not."

Last week, the board investigated the Parks/Kabir campaign for not turning in its first financial disclosures, due Feb. 17. Maddox said it was a clerical error on his part: the campaign turned them in on time to the Student Government office, but after Maddox picked them up, he admits he failed to examine them and file them appropriately.

"As soon as it came up, I retraced my steps, and [the disclosure] was right there," Maddox said.

University-wide Rep. Carly Castetter, a co-author of the reformed election code, said it is necessary to allow each board to interpret the code based on specific circumstances in a given year, and she does not advise another code reform beyond minor changes. Castetter said that in future years, the code will be more effective because the board will have more time to assess it.



Election Supervisory Board chair Charles Maddox, speaks at the ESB hearing Wednesday. Maddox served as part of the task force that reformed the election code

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Horns take two of three in Houston



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Jordan Etier hit his first career home run Sunday as Texas recorded an 8-5 win over Missouri. It was the only homer the light-hitting Longhorns smashed in the three-game set, which they finished with a 2-1 record after a win over Rice on Friday and a 1-0 loss to Rice on Saturday.

Etier's home run keys Texas offense in win over Tigers Sunday

By Chris Tavarez
Daily Texan Staff

HOUSTON — Texas' weekend excursion to the major league had all the same peaks and valleys as an MLB team in its 2-1 weekend outing at Minute Maid Park for the Houston College Classic. "It's such a thrill for the players to be able to play in this stadium and on this field," coach Augie Garrido said. "They've been on this field a thousand times, but

it's been in the stands and on TV." The Horns fell into an early hole Sunday when Cole Green gave up a two-run home run to Missouri's Jonah Schmidt in the second inning to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead. Texas was down 3-1 in the bottom of the fifth before it opened the floodgates for a huge six-run inning that would seal Texas' 8-5 over Mizzou. The victory ensured a winning weekend after a Friday 2-1 win over Rice and a 1-0 loss to Houston. The onslaught started with a leadoff walk by Brandon Loy, who advanced to second

on a single down the third baseline by Cameron Rupp. Kevin Keyes would then hit a single off the pitcher's leg to load the bases. Paul Montalbano came in to pinch hit for Cohl Walla, who got his first start of the season, and walked to bring in Loy. A Kyle Lusson sacrifice fly to right field brought in Rupp to tie the game at 3-3. Jordan Etier then scored Montalbano and Kevin Lusson on a single to left field, and later scored on a Tant Shepherd double. "The guy was having trouble

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Longhorn hitters find confidence in midst of struggles at the plate

By Austin Ries
Daily Texan Staff

HOUSTON — After Brandon Workman's first two pitches against the University of Houston on Saturday, the game was already over. The first pitch was a lead-off triple to the left field corner from Cougars' shortstop Blake Kelso. The second, a hard-breaking ball in the dirt that scooted away from Texas catcher Cameron Rupp, rolled just far enough away

to let Kelso slide in safely. That was it. The Cougars didn't need another pitch from Workman, who was brilliant from pitch number three till 91, his last in an eight-inning, four-hit performance. What the Horns needed was a shot of confidence, a team meeting and maybe even a bit of pasta and marinara sauce. "We got some good food in our belly afterward," second baseman Jordan Etier said. "Connor [Rowe] and I went and ate at an Italian restaurant."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TEXAS 70, BAYLOR 54

Griner-less Baylor no match for Longhorns

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

Whatever coach Gail Goetsenkors said to her team at halftime worked. The Longhorns looked like sitting ducks with only nine first-half field goals to their name before turning the game around in the second half en route to a 70-54 victory in Waco. The second-half surge came through an impressive display of zone defense that allowed only two field goals the entire half. Without Baylor star Brittney Griner — out with a suspension after punching a Texas Tech player last week —

Texas exploited its length and size to clean the glass and get easy points. Sophomore Ashley Gayle was able to use her height advantage to snag 11 rebounds and swat four shots. "It definitely helped that there wasn't a six-foot-eight" person in the paint," Gayle said, referring to Griner. Offensively, the Longhorns ran the Bears into the ground with a 19-0 streak to begin the second half. They held Baylor without a field goal for more than 14 minutes. Freshman Cokie Reed also

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Jack Aydelotte | Associated Press

Cokie Reed, right, goes up for two of her 18 points Sunday as Texas crushed Baylor 70-54 to end its regular season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
BAYLOR 92, TEXAS 77

Dunks push Bears to blowout win

Turnovers doom Texas to third straight loss to Baylor, sixth seed in Big 12

By Laken Litman
Daily Texan Staff

With all the standing around the Texas players did on Saturday, maybe they were able to take some mental notes on Baylor's eminent team chemistry. No. 21 Baylor (24-6, 11-5 Big 12) beat Texas (23-8, 9-7 Big 12) 92-77 this weekend by playing for each other, showing the Longhorns how sharing the ball will rack up wins. Baylor's Tweety Carter had 16 points and 10 of the team's 23 assists. Most of his passes went to the likes of LaceDarius Dunn — who led the Bears with 30 points on 10-of-19 shooting from the field, 4-of-7 from the arc and 6-of-6 from the free-throw line — and Quincy Acy, who had 24 points on 12-of-15 field goal shooting and 10 outrageous dunks. "The more a team has good chemistry and likes one another,

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Johnson's career-high points wasted by bad defense, mental errors

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

WACO — For the second time this year, Texas faced Baylor in an important conference matchup with the chance to gain some much-needed momentum, and for the second time, the Bears controlled the game with an overly aggressive pace and walked away with the win.



Rod Aydelotte | Associated Press

Baylor's LaceDarius Dunn drives through the Texas defense to a 30-point performance in the Bear's 92-77 win Saturday.

Baylor outscored Texas 11-0 on fast breaks as it raced out to an eight-point lead after the first half that it never relinquished. Texas led for the first 12 minutes but Baylor moved ahead on a layup by Tweety Carter that put it up for good. Texas never got closer than seven points in the second half.

Baylor's LaceDarius Dunn

and Quincy Acy combined for 54 points and shot 22-of-34 from the floor to guide the Bears to their first-ever 11-win Big 12 season. "We got dribbled by too much," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. Baylor pressed out in a 2-3 zone that pestered the Longhorns all night. Even as reserve forward

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Horns travel country in search of qualifying times

Competing in multiple events across the country, the Texas men's track and field team notched two provisional qualifiers during last chance meets on Friday. At the Alex Wilson Invitational in South Bend, Ind., the distance medley relay team of Logan Gonzales (1200m), Danzell Fortson (400m), Tevas Everett (800m) and Patrick Todd (1600m) recorded a time of 9 minutes, 34.26 seconds to finish fifth.

The Horns continued their success in Arkansas later that day as sophomore Jacob Thormaehlen and senior Brandon Drenon finished first and second, respectively. Thormaehlen's throw of 62 foot, 4.5 inches beat his personal previous best by over five inches and made him a provisional qualifier. Currently, freshman Marquise Goodwin is the only Longhorn with an automatic-qualifying bid with a 25 foot, 9.25 inch mark in the long jump. The NCAA will release the final qualifiers today. Those who qualify will travel to Fayetteville, Ark. for the NCAA Indoor Championships on Friday and Saturday.

— Jim Pagels

Brown sets season best, Texas gets promising recurit

At last weekend's last chance meet in Fayetteville, Ark., senior shot putter Jordyn Brown had a season-best throw of 54-1 (16.48m) to qualify provisionally for the NCAA Indoor National Championships. Brown entered the meet at 18th on the descending provisional list, but her throw moved her up to 11th. Last year, Brown was ranked 10th going into NCAA nationals, where she finished fourth and garnered All-American honors. Last week, head coach Beverly Kearney announced the signing of Danielle Dowie for the 2010-2011 academic. Dowie, an inhabitant of Jamaica, specializes in the 400m and 400m hurdles. Most recently, she claimed the silver medal in the 400m hurdles at the 2009 IAAF World Youth Championships. Dowie will add to an already stout recruiting class, one that Kearney describes as "the best she's had in years."

— Ryan Betori

WIN: Offense awakens against Tigers

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throwing strikes, so I was just looking for a strike to hit," Etier said.

Etier would end the game's scoring with the Horns' only home run of the series on a full count pitch he launched over the 19 foot-high left field fence.

But Texas' 12-hit, eight-run performance on Sunday was in stark contrast to its three-hit shutout loss to Houston it suffered the night before.

On the third pitch of the same game, after a triple to right center and a wild pitch, Houston scored the game's only run to give the Cougars a 1-0 win.

"The first two pitches ended up deciding the game," Garrido said. "The game was over. Just two little bases given away on two pitches and the game is decided."

Despite getting the loss, Brandon Workman had his best game of the season. He pitched a complete four-hit game and recorded seven strikeouts and only one walk. But a good outing that still ends in a loss can only be summed up one way.

"Taking the loss sucks, but personally, I felt like I had my stuff better than I had before," Workman said.

Friday, Texas was able to squeak out a win over No. 9 Rice with an RBI double from

Loy that scored Shepherd from first base to give the Horns the 2-1 win.

Jungmann's eight-strikeout performance over 7 2/3 innings was helped by tremendous defense from Connor Rowe. As the go-ahead run at the plate for Rice in the top of the eighth, Chad Mozingo hit a bomb to deep center that Rowe snagged halfway up Minute Maid's center-field albatross known as Tal's Hill. Fortunately for Rowe, he had practiced fielding on the hill the night before.

"The first thing [Garrido] said after the win was, 'We practiced that, you know?'" Rowe said. "I was like, 'Yes sir, we did.'"



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Texas' Taylor Jungmann (right) talks to teammates following his dominating performance in Friday's 2-1 win against Rice. Jungmann pitched 7 2/3 innings and allowed only one run.

HITS: Team meeting sets tone for runs

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The team meeting that followed might have helped the next day's offensive explosion, as well.

With seniors Kyle Lusson and Russell Moldenhauer in charge, the Longhorns decided it was time for a change in their at bats and confidence. The time had come for their offense to steal a page from the pitching staff that allowed seven runs in three games this weekend.

"We got together and talked about the lack of confidence we showed yesterday and that we wanted to be like out pitching staff," first baseman Tant Shepherd said. "They come out every day and know they are going to do good and throw strikes. Today, we relaxed and tried to just

hit a good pitch."

They figured it out as a team, and it started in the bottom of the fifth against Missouri on Sunday with Etier, who walked up to the plate hitting only 1-for-6 in the tournament. Facing a full count, Etier laced a single into left field to score Kevin Keyes and pinch-hitter Paul Montalbano and give Texas a one-run lead.

"I just wanted to be calm, confident and battle pitches up there," Etier said. "It built my confidence and I saw a lot of other players have good at bats, so it just kept growing."

Etier wasn't done.

In the bottom of the eighth, he smashed another full-count pitch from Tiger pitcher Jeff Emens into the left field Crawford Boxes for his first career home run

as a Longhorn and the only Texas bomb at the Houston College Classic.

"I didn't try to do too much with it," Etier said. "I just wanted to stay back and be more consistent."

In the end, the home run didn't matter for the score or deciding the winner, but it did put an exclamation point on an offense that, for at least one game, made a dramatic turnaround. More importantly, it was Texas' first come-from-behind win and another confidence builder in a young season.

"We are really playing for a higher goal than winning," Garrido said. "Winning is important, but not as important as building confidence in every at bat and pitch. That's the one word that makes a difference."

WOMEN'S GOLF

Young Longhorns adjusting to weather

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

Rain or shine, the Longhorns' golf season will continue on. Rain without shine seems to make the Longhorns' season a tad tougher.

The team tees off today at the UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational in Boulder City, Nev., after fighting and struggling to find consistency in its January and February tournaments.

Vastly different playing conditions compared to the fall season's have challenged the Longhorns to adjust their games. Head coach Martha Richards said the new-year tournaments have allowed the team to get some much-needed familiari-

ty with cooler and wetter conditions.

"They've got nice direction and a clearer picture of what they want to accomplish."

— Martha Richards
Head coach

"They've got nice direction and a clearer picture of what they want to accomplish," Richards said. "Again, that's all go-

ing to develop over time. Sometimes, there's no better situation except more time and more experience."

The Longhorns may face some showers in the three-day 54-hole tournament, especially in the second and third rounds. The 18-team field features conference foes Baylor, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas Tech.

The freshman foursome of Madison Pressel, Desiree Dubreuil, Haley Stephens and Katelyn Sepmore are joined by sophomore Nicole Vandermade to make up the team's starting lineup. They will be playing without senior Shannon Fish for the second

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BAYLOR: Bears secure first sweep since 1998

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Gary Johnson picked apart its holes, scoring a career-high 25 points, Texas' perimeter players had trouble moving the ball against Baylor's aggressive defense.

The Bears made 12 steals, compared to only four from the Horns.

"It wasn't necessarily by design," Baylor coach Scott Drew said about his team's defense. "It was more just the tempo of the game and, again, that's what a home crowd does, it gets you excited."

The Longhorns committed 18 turnovers — which Baylor turned into 22 points — as the Bears

swept their season series with Texas for the first time since 1998. It was a repeat of their matchup on Jan. 30 in the Erwin Center, when Texas also committed 18 turnovers and lost in overtime.

One area where Baylor showed much improvement from January's game was in one-on-one situations. Baylor's Tweety Carter had little trouble driving from the top of the key, whether he was matched up against Justin Mason or J'Covan Brown, and going straight to the basket.

That's where Acy stepped in, often cutting uninhibited from the baseline to receive a pass from Carter and then dunk. Acy made

10 dunks for 20 of his 22 points.

"I don't think I've ever watched a game where we gave up that many dunks," Barnes said.

Baylor dished out 23 assists against just eight turnovers, using efficient ball movement to beat the slower Longhorn defenders.

"I think Tweety Carter is responsible for a lot of that," Drew said. "Tremendous job finding players."

The Longhorns simply couldn't match Baylor's tempo.

"Texas is a great defensive team. They guard well, they play hard," Carter said after the game, his last ever at the Ferrell Center. "[But] you don't want to leave with a loss."

TEAM: Texas finishes sixth in Big 12 standings

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the harder they're going to compete for one another," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "We've lost by seven points or less in all our losses, so we've never given up. I think we've been down in almost all of our games but the guys don't get rattled and that all goes to the players. Great leadership, trusting one another, competing for one another and leading one another."

Texas coach Rick Barnes said that his team doesn't give up on each other, either. But the difference between the Longhorns and the Bears is that Texas' version of playing as a team is letting one guy like Damion James or Gary Johnson earn all of the stats and hope his individual performance will result in a team victory.

Baylor began torching the Longhorns right from the tip-off. Texas played defenseless and careless and gave up 12 turnovers in the

first half.

Johnson's hustle kept the game within Texas' reach in the first half as he scored 15 points and grabbed five rebounds.

The tipping point came with about five minutes remaining in the first half when Avery Bradley missed a jumper that would have tied the game up 32-32. Udoh retrieved the rebound and passed the ball to Walton. Walton handed it to Acy, who then surged into the air from the free throw line for a slam-dunk.

The Horns were down 42-34 at halftime and came back after the break with no momentum.

Baylor was able to score 22 points off of Texas' 18 turnovers and exploited the Longhorns' defense by taking the ball inside to score 57 points in the paint. Texas had 32 points in the paint.

"We got driven by too much," Barnes said. "I'm not sure I'd say there was anybody [Baylor] didn't

drive by."

Out of everything that went wrong with the Longhorns on Saturday — be it the turnovers, air balls, lack of rotation, laziness, etc. — the turnovers were Barnes' biggest disappointment. Seven of the eight Longhorns who played turned the ball over, and Texas had an assist-to-turnover ratio of 14:18. Baylor's was 23:8.

"The way we turned the ball over, it's just not necessary," Barnes said. "They were careless turnovers. I don't understand it. We've talked about it and worked on it but I just don't have an answer."

This was Texas' third straight loss to Baylor and second of this season. With the loss, Texas is officially a No. 6 seed heading into the Big 12 Tournament, which starts this Wednesday. The first game will be against No. 11 seed Iowa State.

TEXAS: Reed leads Texas charge over Baylor

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contributed to the big game inside with 18 points, seven rebounds, and four blocks. Her performance Sunday only bolstered her rising significance in the Texas scheme. Reed is the only league freshman to rank in the Top 10 in her class in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage, steals and blocked shots.

Texas also got production from Brittainey Raven, Kathleen Nash and Erika Arriaran who had 18, 12 and 10 points respectively.

Even with all the fan support behind them, the Lady Bears could not seem to do anything against the smothering Texas zone defense. Texas held Baylor to more than 19 points below its season scoring average.

Baylor is the 17th opponent the Longhorns have held to at least 10 points below its scoring average.

When a Baylor turnover with six minutes left in the second half turned into an easy layup by Reed, the Longhorns were all smiles. By then, they knew the game was out of reach.

This is exactly how Coach Goostenkors wanted to finish this up-and-down season.

"I'm happy we went 2-0 to close the season, and it is time to continue this run," she said.

The lone dark spot on an otherwise exciting victory is the uncertain future of Ashleigh Fontenette. Fontenette was tangled up late in the second half before falling into the scorers table and injuring her ankle. The extent of the injury is unknown, but losing her for an extended period of time would set the Longhorns back in depth. Texas already lost backup point guard Lauren Flores to a season-ending injury last Monday.

With the Texas victory, the Longhorns are looking to the Big 12 tournament in Kansas City. The Longhorns are safely secured in the five-seed and will either play the Missouri Tigers or the Colorado Buffaloes.

Junior Kathleen Nash is definitely looking forward to the tournament, but she has a craving for something other than just a Big 12 Championship trophy.

"We are definitely looking forward to the barbecue," Nash said about Kansas City, famous for its barbecue cooking.

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GOLF: Freshman Dubreuil shines for Longhorns

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straight tournament after a wrist injury Fish suffered earlier in the season.

Dubreuil is coming off of her best tournament of the season in which she carded a 2-under-par 69 in the second round of the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla. After an average fall season, the Santa Ana, Calif. native quickly propelled herself to the number two spot in the team's lineup.

In the Longhorns last showing on the Boulder City course in 2008, Vandermade and Fish led the team to a sixth-place finish with three round scores of 4-under-par 212 and 3-under-par 213, respectively.

Stephens said courses in the winter and spring months play differently than they do in the fall. She said they used much of the off-season to get adjusted to colder weather and rainy conditions, and she feels the team is ready for the challenge.

"We have some pretty rough weather for the first time," Stephens said. "As time goes by, you adapt to the situation more easily. We're a very young team, so we expect a lot out of ourselves."

SOFTBALL

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Heavy hitting Horns win twice in weekend tournament

By Matt Hohner
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas softball team improved to 17-3 with two wins at the Tennessee Classic.

The Longhorns got off on the right foot by toppling Ohio for an 11-5 victory.

There was plenty of offense as the Longhorns connected on a season-best 18 hits. The Longhorns scored three runs on five hits in the first inning, but really let the floodgates open in the third.

Sophomore Courtney Craig blasted a grand slam to left center to put the game away early for Texas.

Starter Erin Tresselt pitched well enough for the deciding victory. The senior is still undefeated for the year. Head coach Connie Clark got everyone into the act against the Bobcats by playing 14 out of her 15-player roster.

"I am definitely pleased with our power numbers, but we really need to work to sure-up our short game this week," hitting coach Corrie Hill said. "We struggled with that a little throughout the course of the week, and it wasn't as sharp as it was earlier in the year."

The strong offense failed to show up in Texas' second game of the day against No. 20 Tennessee.

Longhorn pitcher Blaire Luna pitched a gem but didn't receive any offense from the team to help her out.

Taylor Hoagland was the only source of offense versus the popsicle orange, hitting for two RBIs and one run.

Luna struck out 17 of the 25 batters she faced in 6.1 innings of work.

The Longhorns took the Volunteers down to the wire in the bottom of the seventh. Volunteer left fielder Raven Chavanne doubled to left center to start off seventh and eventually posed as the game-winning run, reaching third on a fielder's choice.

Luna's over-aggressive attitude showed down the stretch as Chavanne scored from third off a wild pitch delivered by the freshman — the clinching run in a 3-2 loss.

But the Longhorns bounced back with a solid win over Illinois State to close out the three-game tournament.

"It was disappointing to lose that heartbreaker to Tennessee



Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman pitches Blair Luna licks her lips in anticipation of a pitch. Luna led the Texas pitching staff over the weekend, losing 3-2 to Tennessee and winning over Illinois State in a long relief appearance.

on Saturday in a tough fashion," Clark said. "But we have a lot of young players, and it is important for us to stay positive and continue making adjust-

ments toward getting better." Texas got off to another strong first inning, scoring four runs. Catcher Amy Hooks sent a three run home run over

the fence to give the Longhorns an early advantage. Texas will host Texas-El Paso this Wednesday for a double-header at McCombs Field.

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Vacation spots spark cool looks



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Achieving a nautical-themed look for spring break in Austin can be done by wearing a blouse tucked into navy, red or khaki cargo shorts with earrings shaped as anchors.

Season promotes easy, less-structured looks for spring hair styles

By Gerald Rich
Daily Texan Staff

After a cold winter in Austin, temperatures are finally warming up, and guys and girls are beginning to style their hair accordingly for spring.

Whether you're just getting a trim or going for fully preened hair, the biggest thing this season is not to overdo it. Guys are keeping their hair short and messy, while girls are going for the slightly more lived-in look. In short: keep it fun, effortless and cheap.

"A soft, beachy wave for a nice day out is great," said Carla Estevez, stylist at Birds Bar-

Popular spring break destinations inspire coast-to-coast fashions

By Julie Rene Tran
Daily Texan Staff

Plane ticket to spring break destination — booked. One-week membership to tanning salon — check. Running on the treadmill for 30 minutes every day — in progress. What to pack for spring break getaway — clueless.

Packing for vacations can be difficult, but with a little fashion knowledge on what is in and what is worthy of taking or buying, it can be a breeze. Whether you're flying off to the East Coast for big-city lights and a continuation of winter, traveling to South Florida for classic "Girls Gone Wild" jollity or staying in Austin for South by Southwest, looking the part can easily be done with a few iconic pieces from this season's trends.

Just keep in mind this spring is all about being androgynous — mixing and matching feminine pieces like soft-colored, sheath dresses and ruffled blouses with manly garments like tailored trousers and oversized blazers. With that, along with these few tips, you should be set and ready to go.

bershop on East Sixth Street.

She suggests using a small amount of texture spray and rolling pieces of hair with a large barrel curling iron, then shaking the curls out. Guys should avoid the over-styled, over-gelled hair and do something with texture and "a light edge," she said.

Jayson Rapaport, co-founder of Birds Barbershop, said peo-

Stay-cay in Austin, casual relaxation

One thing that makes Austin unique is that there are no boundaries to the city's fashion aesthetic. And, because the city offers a wide range of fun things to do, like concert-hopping and boating on the lake, there's always an opportunity to show off a certain look.

For SXSW, keep it laid back, casual and chic in simple one-pieces like a romper, a flowing dress or a jumpsuit. These garments require no extra accessories if they have busy floral or tribal prints or fun details like ruffles and sequins. If not, dress your one-piece garment up with a multi-strand gold necklace or a belt with a cool buckle.

For guys, start off with distressed knee-length shorts and a cotton tee or breezy button-down, and then accessorize with a quirky hat or colorful oxfords.

If you aren't trading in the bustling scene of the musical festival for some relaxation by the water, you can still look the part in nautical-themed outfits. Nautical style can be unflattering because of its iconic print of horizontal red, white and blue stripes. Luckily, there are other ways to achieve this look — like wearing a sheer white

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ple seem to be frequenting salons less but taking more time in the salon when they go, so this season's minimal-effort looks are perfect, he said.

"If you're not focused on your hair as much as you were, then these styles lend to this whole kind of idea," Rapaport said.

Rapaport and other Birds

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SXSW 2010

Artist Uffie updates sound, returns with full-length CD

By Francisco Marin
Daily Texan Staff

Think back to 2006 — before the age of the Day-Glo hipster with neon American Apparel T-shirts and shutter shades and before dubstep and house music broke big. Go back to a time when the queen of electro was undeniably Anna-Catherine Hartley — stage name Uffie.

Uffie started off with a bang that year, releasing a slew of singles and EPs — the first of which, *Pop the Glock/Ready to Uff*, was released when she was just 18. In 2007, Uffie released the *Suited and Looted* EP, which saw her taking a different route in her music — slow, sensual synthpop with

much less of the emcee vibe she gave off in her earlier work. Uffie's label, Ed Banger Records, had promised a full-length album in mid-2007, and then in 2008, much to fans' disappointment, nothing was released. Uffie seemed poised to take the electronic world by storm, and then she sort of faded away.

In the meantime, Ke\$ha broke onto the scene with a hit single, "Tik-Tok," which many Uffie fans allege rips off Uffie's "Pop the Glock."

"Well, I don't want to say anything about that," Uffie told the Texan from her hotel room in

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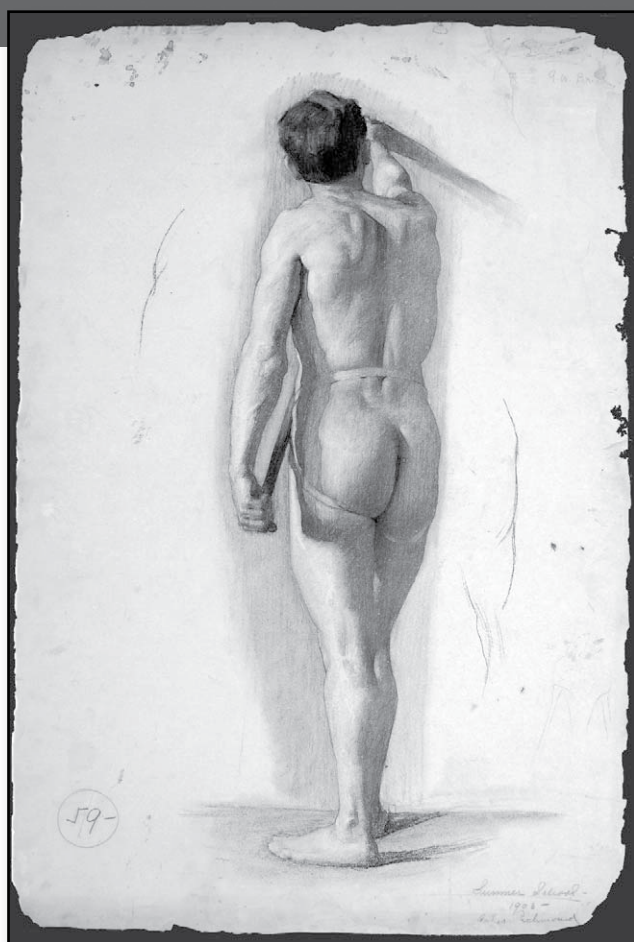


Attendees of SXSW will get a preview of electro artist Uffie's LP *Sex Dreams and Denim Jeans* set to release in May, which she said will feature a more mature side to her music.

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